

GLOSSARY

<i>Assessment:</i>	<p>The ongoing procedures used by appropriate qualified personnel throughout the period of a child's eligibility under this part to identify--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The child's unique strengths and needs and the services appropriate to meet those needs; b. The resources, priorities and concerns of the family and the supports and services necessary to enhance the family's capacity to meet the developmental needs of their infant or toddler with a disability; and c. The nature and extent of early intervention services that are needed by the child and the child's family to meet the needs in a. and b. above.
<i>Destruction:</i>	Physical destruction or removal of personal identifiers from information that is no longer personally identifiable.
<i>Disclosure:</i>	To permit access to or the release, transfer, or other communication of education records, or the personally identifiable information contained in those records, to any party, by any means, including oral, written, or electronic means.
<i>Early Intervention records or records:</i>	Records covered by Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
<i>Evaluation or Multidisciplinary Evaluation:</i>	The procedures used by appropriate qualified personnel to determine a child's initial and continuing eligibility under this part, consistent with the definition of "infants and toddlers with disabilities" in Federal Regulations 303.16, including determining the status of the child in each of the developmental areas.
<i>IFSP:</i>	<p>Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP): A written plan for providing early intervention services to eligible children/families that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is developed jointly by the family and appropriate qualified personnel providing early intervention services; b. Is based on the multidisciplinary evaluations and assessment of the child and the assessment of the strengths and needs of the child's family, as determined by the family and as required in 34 CFR 303.322; and c. Includes services necessary to enhance the development of the child and the capacity of the family to meet the special needs of the child.
<i>Mediation:</i>	A voluntary process freely agreed to by parents and providers to attempt to resolve Part C disagreements. Neither party is required to participate in the mediation process and both parties must approve any agreement reached. Mediation may not be used to deny or delay your right to an impartial hearing.
<i>Natural Environment:</i>	Settings that are natural or normal for the child's age peers who have no disability.
<i>Native Language:</i>	Where used with reference to persons of limited English proficiency, means the language or mode of communication normally used by the parent of an eligible child.

<i>Parent:</i>	The term "parent" means a natural or adoptive parent, a foster parent, unless State law, prohibits a foster parent from acting as a parent, a guardian, a person acting as a parent of a child (such as grandparent or stepparent with whom the child lives, as well as persons legally responsible for the child's welfare), or a surrogate who has been appointed under these procedures. This term does not include the State if the child is a ward of the State.
<i>Participating Agency:</i>	Any agency or institution which collects, maintains, or uses personally identifiable information, or from which information is obtained, under this part.
<i>Personally Identifiable:</i>	Information which includes: (1) the name of your child, your name, or other family member; (2) the address of your child; (3) a personal identifier, such as your child's or your social security number; or (4) a list of personal characteristics or other information that would make it possible to identify your child with reasonable certainty.
<i>Ward of the State:</i>	<p>Ward of the state means a child who, as determined by the state where the child resides, is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A foster child;2. A ward of the state; or3. In the custody of a public child welfare agency. <p>Ward of the state does not include a foster child who has a foster parent who meets the definition of a parent as described above.</p>